Teaching Week
Royal Scots College, Salamanca

I will be at our seminary in Salamanca teaching our Propaedeutic Seminarians next week, and I am grateful to Fr Michael Brown, Mgr. Thomas Monaghan, and Fr Colum Martin for celebrating Masses in my absence. Please keep the seminarians in your prayers.

Changes to the Lenten Holy Mass/Devotions Schedule

Please note there are a few changes **this week** to our Lenten schedule.

There will be **only one Mass on Monday 24th March at 7.15am** (no 9.45am Mass), and no Adoration on Monday.

There will be **no Adoration on Tuesday**, but we will have our two Masses at 8.15am and 9.45am as normal.

There will be **only one Mass on Friday 28th March at 9.45am** (no 7.15am Mass), and there will be **no early morning Adoration**.

Our Lenten schedule will resume again as before on Monday 31st March, however I would like to see an increase in attendance at our 7.15am Masses if these are to continue in the Lenten Season.

Good Friday Fish Supper
& Screening of *The Passion of the Christ*

On **Good Friday**, a day of fasting and abstinence, if you would like to share your meal that day with fellow parishioners, we will be ordering fish and chips to be delivered to the hall **after the 3.00pm Passion Service.**

This will be followed by a screening of *The Passion of the Christ* (age 18+).

Everyone is welcome, but children should leave before the film as it is only suitable for adults.

To order your fish supper, please take an envelope from the table at the back of the church. Fill in your name (one per couple/family), and how many suppers you would like at **£7.50 each**. The choice is regular fish, or special fish. Return your envelope by **13th April**, enclosing the correct money. Cost includes fish supper, tea/coffee/juice and bread & butter.

Baptism Preparation Course

Our next baptism course will take place on **Wednesday 2nd April at 6.30pm** in the Hall committee room - **all parents whose children will be baptised in the next month or two must attend this course once.** Please speak to me if you plan on attending this upcoming course.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to our Primary 3 children who made their First Confession on Monday and Tuesday last week, receiving the Sacrament of God's mercy and healing for the first time. I am very grateful to their teachers who prepared the children so well.

Second Collection - Sick & Retired Priests

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our second collection last week, you raised **£1,115**. A reminder there will be a second collection next weekend (29th/30th March) for SCIAF.

Children's Liturgy

Children from **Primary 1 to Primary 4** are welcomed and encouraged to attend their own Liturgy of the Word at our **10.30 Mass**.

Catechesis of The Good Shepherd

Our programme for 3-6 year olds runs fortnightly after the 10.30 Sunday Mass.

Dates from now until May are as follows: 30th March, 13th April, 27th April, and 11th May.

First Holy Communion Preparation
The Last Supper

The next catechesis workshop for children preparing for their First Holy Communion is **Saturday 5th April at 3.00pm in the hall**. **All children making their First Communion at the end of May should attend.**

Sunday Breakfast

All are most welcome to go over to the Hall **after our 10.30am Sunday Mass** for a breakfast roll and tea/coffee. **Children eat for free**.

Upcoming Parish Talks

On **Tuesday 1st April** we are looking forward to welcoming **Sr Andrea Fraile** from the Sisters of the Gospel of Life in Glasgow, who will be speaking at our Adults' Catechesis Group at **7.00pm**. As previously, this talk will be **open for all parishioners to attend**. Sr Andrea will be speaking on the moral teaching of the Church around life and gender issues - all are most welcome.

We will also be having a Bible study on St Luke's account of the **Passion & Death of Jesus on Mon 7th April**, and on the **Resurrection on Mon 14th April, at 7.00pm** in the Hall. All are welcome!

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Sunday 23rd March - Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday 24th March	**Holy Mass at 7.15am only.** No Adoration today.	**Monday Club at 1.00pm** **Men's Group at 6.30pm**
Tuesday 25th March	**Holy Mass at 8.15am & 9.45am** **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** No Adoration today.	
Wednesday 26th March	**Holy Mass at 9.45am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30-9.40am	
Thursday 27th March	**Holy Mass at 7.00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-6.45pm concluding with Benediction. Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.	**Cantores Matris Dei Schola at 7.30pm**
Friday 28th March	**Holy Mass at 9.45am only.** Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary 9.20am Stations of the Cross 10.15am No Adoration today.	

Sunday 30th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent (*Laetare* Sunday)

Vigil Holy Mass 29th March at 4.15pm *Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.*

Sunday Holy Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am (with children's liturgy)

Prayers for the sick and housebound

May Rooney, Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Michael Nilsson, Barbara Lucock, Mary Slevin, Cathie Dunnachie, Thomas Martin, Peter Fleming, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, John & Mary McDade, William Gilmour, Andrew Cane, Felix Dillon, Rosaleen Grogan, Timothy Nilsson, and Jean Reilly.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Susan Corrigan.
Month's Mind: Drew McGivern, Mary Kelly, Tom Kelly Snr., and Danny Watson.
Anniversaries: Michael Murphy, and Tom Kelly Jnr.
Birthday Remembrance: Margaret Reilly.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Entrance Hymn
God of mercy and compassion,
look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
on the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
yet He bleeds and dies for me.

By my sins I have abandoned
Right and claim to heav'n above.
Where the saints rejoice for ever
In a boundless sea of love.

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First reading **Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**
In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.'
Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I Am Who I Am.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you." ' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8, 11. R.8a
The Lord is compassionate and gracious.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious.
It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious.
The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

Gospel **Luke 13:1-9**
There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'
And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.
And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Offertory Hymn
Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me.
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

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10.30 Mass only
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna, in excelcis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis (2).
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Hymns
O Bread of heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
I love Thee and adoring kneel;
each loving soul by Thee is fed
with Thine own self in form of Bread.

O food of life, Thou who dost give
the pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
and every grief with joy repays.

O bond of love, that dost unite
the servant to his living Lord;
could I dare live, and not requite
such love then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
some love for such unmeasured love.

Belovèd Lord in heaven above,
there, Jesus, Thou awaitest me;
to gaze on Thee with changeless love,
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
for how can He deny me heaven
who here on earth Himself have given.

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart,
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God Thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? That shall be believed;
What God's Son hath told me, take for truth I do;
Truth Himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true.

On the cross Thy Godhead made no sign to men;
Here Thy very manhood steals from human ken;
Both are my confession, both are my belief;
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But I plainly call Thee, Lord and God as he;
This faith each day deeper be my holding of,
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O Thou our reminder of Christ crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,
Lend this life to me then; feed and feast my mind,
There be Thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican,
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what thy bosom ran–
Blood that but one drop of has the pow'r to win
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Jesu, Whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech Thee send me what I long for so,
Some day to gaze on Thee, face to face in light
and be blest for ever with Thy glory's sight.

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Recessional Hymn
Dear St Joseph, pure and gentle,
Guardian of the Saviour child,
treading, with the Virgin Mother,
Egypt's deserts rough and wild.

Dear St Joseph, Spouse of Mary,
blest above all saints on high,
when the death shades round us gather,
teach, O teach us how to die,
teach, O teach us how to die.

He who rested on thy bosom
is by countless saints adored,
prostrate angels in his presence
sing hosannahs to their Lord.

Now to thee, no gift refusing,
Jesus stoops to hear thy prayer;
Then, dear saint, from thy fair dwelling,
give to us a father's care.